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**58-31b-601 Minimum standards for nursing programs -- Medication aide training.**

- (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), to qualify as an approved education program for the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure under this chapter, a nursing education program shall be accredited by an accrediting body for nursing education that is approved by the United States Department of Education.
- (2)
  - (a) In accordance with Subsection (2)(b) and Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division, in consultation with the board, may make rules establishing requirements for a nursing education program to qualify for a limited time as an approved education program for the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure under this chapter, if the program:
    - (i)
      - (A) is in the process of obtaining the accreditation described in Subsection (1);
      - (B) has recently been denied accreditation after seeking to obtain the accreditation described in Subsection (1); or
      - (C) has recently lost the accreditation described in Subsection (1); and
    - (ii) is approved under Subsection (2)(a) on or before May 15, 2016.
  - (b) A program approved under Subsection (2)(a) may qualify graduates for licensure under Subsection (2)(a) until December 31, 2020. On or after January 1, 2021, a nursing education program that is not an approved education program under Subsection (1) may not qualify graduates for licensure under this chapter.
- (3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and the provisions of this chapter, the division shall make rules defining the minimum standards for a medication aide certified training program to qualify a person for certification under this chapter as a medication aide certified.

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